

pending motions to amend the complaint, which, if granted, would add new parties to the litigation, the Court finds plaintiff's request to close the pleadings by January 21, 2014, inappropriate. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(c) (allowing a party to move for judgment on the pleadings "[a]fter the pleadings are closed").

Plaintiff recognizes in his reply that "[t]he only pleading before the Court for judgment on the pleadings is Plaintiff's original October 18, 2013 complaint" [Doc. 19]. Because of his pending motion to amend that complaint, he asks the Court to "not hear Plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings on January 30, 2014" and to defer ruling on the motion for judgment on the pleadings until the Court rules on the motion to amend the complaint. Plaintiff also requests that the Court "provide an expedited schedule for Plaintiff [sic] to file an admended [sic] motion for judgement [sic] on the pleadings and/or motion for summary judgment and for Defendants to respond" [*Id.*]. Given the procedural posture of this case, the Court finds it appropriate to deny plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings at this time. Plaintiff may file any dispositive motion he deems appropriate upon the Court's ruling on the pending motions to amend.

Accordingly, Plaintiffs' Motion for the Court to Grant Judgment on the Pleadings and Establish a Schedule to Close the Pleadings on January 21, 2014 [Doc. 9] and Plaintiff's Motion to Defer Ruling on Said Motion Until After the Court Rules on Pending Motions to Amend [Doc. 19] are hereby **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Thomas A. Varlan
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE